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Selectable bonus Award Scheme

### FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), attorney for the Applicant hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, as evidenced by the enclosed Search Report mailed on April 6, 2005, for the counterpart European Patent Application No. 04 015 383.5.

This Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the mailing date of the Search Report. Additionally, this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a First Office Action reflecting an examination on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due for this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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June 30, 2003      Group: 3713**U.S. Patent Documents**

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	A1	5,273,281	12/28/93	Lovell	A63F	3/06	
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	B2	WO 01/82245	11/01/01	PCT	G07F	7/00	

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